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**What do you do "Just For Laughs"?**

**Brian:** Watch the Cubs. They are like an overpaid improv team pretending to be pro players.

**Connie:** Look at the marathon course map. That's a joke, right?

**Jessica Six (@funnybunnytoes):** Give tourists wrong directions.



**I say icing, you say...**

**Brian:** ... I still don't totally understand that hockey rule.

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By Rebecca Palmore  
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## MTV asks if you're its Twitter type

**LOS ANGELES** Remember the MTV VJ? That's so two decades ago. Now the network is looking to hire its first TJ, or Twitter Jockey.

MTV officials say the search is on for a new social media maven who will engage with the MTV audience and serve as a liaison between viewers and network honchos.

MTV General Manager Stephen Friedman called the TJ position "a natural evolution of how we connect with our audience."

The network has identified 18 potential candidates and is asking its audience to find two more. The 20 hopefuls will compete in a series of online challenges this summer designed to reveal their personalities and demonstrate how they connect with Twitter followers.

Five finalists will ultimately compete on a live show Aug. 8, when fans will pick who gets the new job.

"The hope is that this person will be dynamic, engaging and energized, an enthusiast within the social media world," said Dave Sirulnik, the executive overseeing the contest. "Somebody who will represent the audience by taking their thoughts and questions and ... through an ongoing dialogue with them, be able to bring those questions inside the walls here to the people who make MTV."

The new Twitter Jockey will report on MTV events, such as the Video Music Awards in September, and appear on-air periodically.

"While they won't be on TV the way VJs were," Sirulnik said, "they will always be on."

## On the download: Free Wi-Fi at Starbucks

Starbucks Corp. says it will begin offering unlimited free Wi-Fi at all of its company-operated U.S. locations next month.

The free wireless Internet will be available July 1 at about 6,700 locations.

The coffeehouse previously had offered two free hours of Web access each day to registered customers. Now, access won't require a Starbucks loyalty card.

After that, consumers at the Seattle chain were charged a small fee.

The announcement was made Monday by CEO Howard Schultz who was speaking at a conference in New York.

# Flash floods hit Oklahoma City



Frank Kuczinski stands in water Monday outside his house in Edmond, Okla., after floods inundated homes in the area and closed interstates. **AP**

### Associated Press

**OKLAHOMA CITY** Flash flooding across the Oklahoma City area stranded motorists on their morning commutes Monday, prompting at least a half-dozen rescues and at least three interstate closures, authorities said.

No injuries were immediately reported, but drivers were being warned to stay off the roads, Oklahoma police Lt. Gamille Hardin said.

Portions of interstates 35, 44 and 235 were closed, as were numerous smaller thoroughfares in and out of the metro area.

"There are cars where you can see just the rooftops; they're totally submerged in water," Hardin said. Footage from KOCO-TV showed a person bailing water out of the passenger-side window of a half-submerged car before being rescued by crews on a boat.

"There are various swift-water rescues that have occurred and are currently taking place across the city," said Oklahoma City emergency management director Frank Barnes.

Fire crews went door to door, asking residents whose homes back up to Spring Creek to voluntarily evacuate while a nearby dam is evaluated. Rising water was creeping toward the top of the dam by late morning.

Anywhere from 1 to 3 inches of rain an hour were falling on parts of the city, and the National Weather Service said a few spots had received 9 inches of rain.

"There's been showers and thunderstorms almost continually for the better part of six hours," weather service forecaster Forrest Mitchell said.

### IN ARKANSAS

Crews near Langley, Ark., on Monday found a 20th victim of a flash flood that swept through a popular campground, but they continued searching because authorities don't know if the body belonged to the last person thought to be missing.

Dozens of people were feared missing after the pre-dawn Friday flood, but authorities Sunday narrowed their search to just one person known to have been camping at the Albert Pike Recreation Area. They said they believe many others first feared missing were camping in other parts of the state, without cell phone coverage. **AP**



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# Mixing bikes with the CTA

Despite the gloomy weather, about 400 bike commuters turned out Monday morning at two Chicago commuter hubs to celebrate Bike to Work Week. Thousands more are expected to bike to work the rest of the week, according to the Active Transportation Alliance, which is hosting bike commuting events through Friday.

For new and veteran bike commuters, here is Going Public's list of dos and don'ts for bringing your bike on the CTA.

- » Don't bring your bike on trains during weekday rush hour (7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.). At other times, up to two bikes are allowed on each rail car, but bikes are not allowed on the Blue Line cars with the accordion doors.
- » Do learn how to put your bike on buses. The CTA has posted a step-by-step guide to placing your bike on the racks on the front of the bus and an instructional video on [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com). Tell the bus driver you are loading your bike.
- » Do use a bike rack. More than 90 of the CTA's 144 rail stations have bike racks, CTA spokeswoman Katelyn Thrall said. The racks are first come, first served.
- » Don't lock your bikes to station handrails, railings, doors, ramps and stairways. The CTA may remove these bikes without notice.
- » Don't abandon your bike at the CTA's racks. The CTA said it considers a bike abandoned if it seems inoperable or hasn't been moved in more than 14 days. The CTA will place a notice on a bike if it appears to be abandoned, and the owner has seven days to claim it.

## Get pumped

The CTA is reducing parking fees at most of its park-and-ride lots Thursday to encourage taking public transit for the national Dump the Pump Day anti-driving initiative. Parking at the Rosemont and Forest Park Blue Line lots will be reduced from \$5 to \$3, the CTA said. All other lots will be reduced from \$4 to \$2 for 12 hours of parking except for the Linden Purple Line lot, which works on a token system and won't see a reduced rate.

## Not the CTA's 'Idol'

Crystal Bowersox just can't win. The "American Idol" runner-up, who used to perform on CTA platforms when she lived in Chicago, recently told the Sun-Times that she would love to play a concert in the subway. But the CTA told GP that wouldn't fly. "Unfortunately CTA facilities, including platforms, are not designed to host an event such as a concert, which would draw a large, stationary crowd," Thrall said in an e-mail.



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# fashion faux pas?



**Rats-to-riches tale has plenty of fans in the clothing industry—and plenty who defend the rodent's rights**

**By Leonor Vivanco** | REDEYE

Can you imagine nuzzling the rich, soft, cinnamon-brown fur of a rat. Well, a nutria to be exact.

The use of the semi-aquatic rodent in clothing seems to be the latest craze among designers, including fashion icon Oscar de la Renta and menswear maven Billy Reid, according to a recent Vanity Fair blog post. If the fall/winter collections shown on the runways at New York's Fashion Week in February were any indication, this chunky rodent's coat appears to be edging its way "in." Not surprisingly, animal-rights groups and some designers oppose its use.

"I would never use an animal product that involved hurting an animal, period," said Lara Miller, an eco-friendly, Chicago-based designer who is executive director of the Chicago Fashion Incubator at Macy's on State Street. "I don't think it's a necessity. There's so many great recycled synthetics that make really wonderful looking, fashion forward, furlike garments."

The push-back doesn't appear to faze other designers.

"It's sort of the badass fur," Reid told Vanity Fair in last month's issue. Reid, named by GQ in March as one of the best new designers in America, used nutria in hats and on cuffs in his

## WHAT ARE NUTRIA?

These rodents, which weigh an average of 12 pounds and are smaller than beavers but bigger than muskrats, are herbivores. Thousands of acres of marsh on the Louisiana coast have been destroyed by nutria, officials say. The state's Department of Wildlife and Fisheries pays trappers and hunters \$5 per nutria tail.





fall 2010 collection shown at New York Fashion Week.

Gilles Mendel, a designer of J. Mendel, which has a shop on Chicago's Magnificent Mile, is known for his use of fur and has worked with nutria as trims for coats and dresses in his 2007-08 fall and winter collections. De la Renta included black nutria as a border on a tweed skirt in the collection he showed this year. Last year, he showcased a black-dyed nutria vest on the runway.

Nutria is prominent in men's fashions, especially in trims and lining. It gives garments a rugged look, said Keith Kaplan, executive director of the California-based Fur Information Council of America.

"It's at the very, very early stages of becoming a trend," said Kaplan, who owns a nutria vest and nutria-lined coat. "It's a very durable, warm fur. It's priced moderately."

Despite the economy hitting the fur industry hard in 2008 and 2009, designers still are including fur in their clothing lines. Although nutria makes up less than 2 percent of total fur sales in the U.S., designers are opting to use the fur because of its price point and its versatility, which allows it to be sheared, plucked and dyed, Kaplan said. Still, the most-sold fur in the U.S. is mink, followed by fox, both of which are raised on fur farms, Kaplan said.

There's no excuse for using fur when synthetics are just as fashionable, warm, durable and less expensive, said Ashley Byrne, senior campaigner for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"Nutria are just like the other animals



#### THE FUR TRADE BACKGROUND

Nutria fur was "in" from the 1960s to the 1980s and considered the backbone of the fur industry in Louisiana, where the ani-

mals are prolific, according to the state's Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Nutria was "out" when the international fur market declined in the 1980s partly because use of leather surged, animal rights protesters influenced the public and consumer spending was down, the state says on its website.

killed for their fur, like rabbits, minks or foxes. They feel fear and pain in the same way and to the same extent, just like a dog or cat," she said. "The only humanely sourced fur is faux fur."

Still, Kaplan expects to see an upsurge in use of nutria fur because of its cost and a possible marketing push by groups in Louisiana, where the nutria population is prolific. The push is to encourage demand so trappers will have a greater incentive to capture nutria, which have destroyed acres of coastal wetlands. The state estimates 20,000 acres are currently affected by nutria.

So what does the future hold for nutria?

Kaplan, of the Fur Information Council, puts it like this: "Like anything in fashion, any textile peaks and valleys in popularity." [LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM)



#### Chicago's furry friends? Not quite

Dirty rats! No doubt you've seen the beady-eyed rodents running down Chicago's alleys.

But did you know the city has its own task force to get rid of them? The group distributes garbage cans with tight-fitting lids to cut off the animals' food supply and encourages dog owners to clean up after their pets because rats feast on dog poop, said Matt Smith, spokesman for the city's Street and Sanitation Department.

In addition to placing rat poison inside rodents' burrows in alleys, the city has its Mayor Daley's Dumpster Task Force crack down on food establishments that have dirty conditions that attract rats, Smith said. Restaurants often are cited for overflowing dumpsters and encrusted grease containers and closed until they prove they are pest-free. **L.V.**

## Rats! Fans say they're the perfect companion pet

**Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES** History and Hollywood cast them as vermin responsible for plagues, famine and famous movie lines like "You dirty rat!" But to a small group of fans, the rat is a charming pocket companion as loyal as a dog and cleaner than a cat.

Nearly 60 percent of American households have pets, according to an Associated Press-Petside.com poll. About 74 percent of pet owners polled in October said they had dogs, 47 percent said they had cats and 3 percent said they had a gerbil, hamster, mouse or rat.

"To own a rat is to know that forever your heart will walk outside your body on four little feet," said Dale Burkhart, 66, of Claremont, Calif. She is the vice president for the California-based American Fancy Rat and Mouse Association.

Burkhart's nickname is Hattie McRattie and she runs the House Mouse Cafe at club events. Because of her arthritis, she no longer keeps rats but remains devoted, recalling how her fiancé used to come over to visit her and her rats.

"They would groom his hair, groom his eyebrows and eyelashes. They are always grooming each other. That's how they show respect and affection," Burkhart said. "We become the alpha rat and they groom us."

The average life span of a rat is two to three years, Debbie Ducommun said. She is an author and international rat expert known as "The Rat Lady" and was a consultant for makers of the movie "Ratatouille."

A short life span is the "downside of dear little ratties," said Cathleen Schneider-Russell, a member of the association. "You have to enjoy every precious moment."

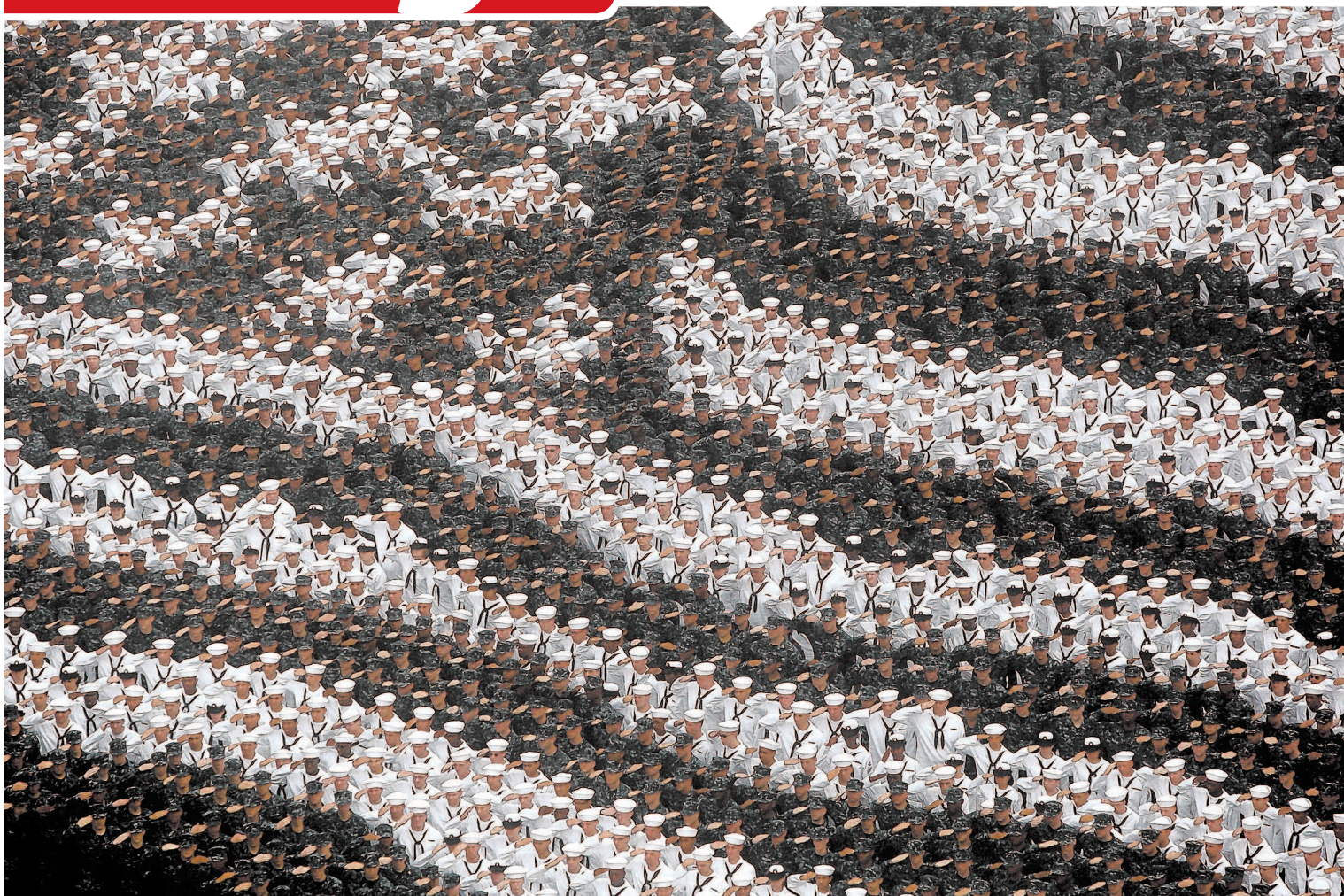
Most fans will keep a small colony of rats, said Stephen Zawistowski, executive vice president and science adviser for ASPCA national programs based in New York. That does not mean one rat cannot be very special, said Jenna R. Lillibridge, director of Any Rat Rescue in Scottsdale, Ariz.





# chicago

7,500 Great Lakes students, staff and recruits salute Monday while standing in formation as a living flag at Great Lakes Naval Station. **HEATHER CHARLES/TRIBUNE**



## Salutes and stripes

### Chicago Tribune

Petty Officer 1st Class William Barton stepped to a microphone atop the administration building at Naval Station Great Lakes on Monday—Flag Day—and looked across a sea of dark and light uniforms, assembled to form the Stars and Stripes.

"I am the flag of the United States of America," Barton said, his amplified voice booming across Ross Field as he recited the familiar poem

"My Name is Old Glory."

Down on the field, about 7,400 students and recruits made up the "living flag," re-creating a gathering held at the Naval Station in November 1917 during World War I.

By the time Barton reached the final lines, "I have been a silent witness to all of America's finest hours," his voice carried a faint tremble. One hand wiped at an eye.

"It's a very difficult piece to read without be-

ing emotionally involved," he said later.

The flag measured about 425 feet by 290 feet. Photographs were taken from a crane high above the field.

The formation, which took weeks to plan, also was a great team-builder, officials said.

"It brings all of us together," said Capt. Theresa Gee, commander of the Hospital Corps School at Great Lakes. "We're all one Navy."

### Grant backs zoo's dolphin study

With oil from BP's offshore well explosion threatening Florida's west coast, Brookfield Zoo's 40-year study of 160 bottlenose dolphins that live in Sarasota Bay, Fla., has received an emergency grant to assess the dolphins' health.

### Study: Violence can affect kids' scores

Neighborhood homicides can have a detrimental effect on the ability of Chicago schoolchildren to perform academically, whether they witness the violence or not, according to a study published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

### Cops: Man shot in mouth spits out tooth, bullet

A man walking in Park Manor was shot in the mouth and later spat out a tooth, along with the bullet, at the hospital, police said. The incident happened Monday in the 7300 block of South Calumet Avenue, police said.

### DUI charges for teen

Prosecutors in Skokie on Monday filed two misdemeanor or DUI charges against the New Trier High School senior accused in a hit-and-run last month that left a fellow student severely injured.

### 3rd suspect charged in officer's slaying

A third man has been charged with murder in the slaying last month of Chicago Police Officer Thomas Wortham IV. Marcus Floyd, 19, was charged with felony murder in the shooting deaths of Wortham and Floyd's cousin, Brian Floyd.

### THE DIGIT

## 60,000

More than 60,000 people signed up for public housing Monday, the first day the Chicago Housing Authority started taking applications.

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## In the Blagosphere

Former top aide Alonzo Monk (right) testified at Rod Blagojevich's (left) corruption trial Monday that the ousted governor pressed him to collect a \$100,000 campaign contribution from a racetrack owner while Blagojevich delayed signing legislation that would send millions of dollars to the racing industry. **AP**





# Obama: Cleanup will restore Gulf

**6 THEODORE, Ala.** In a newly optimistic tone, President Obama promised Monday that “things are going to return to normal” along the stricken Gulf Coast and the region’s fouled waters will be in better shape than before the catastrophic BP oil spill.

He declared Gulf seafood safe to eat and said his administration was redoubling inspections and monitoring to make sure it stays that way. And his White House said Monday it had wrested apparent agreement from BP PLC to set up an independent, multibillion-dollar compensation fund for people and businesses suffering from the spill’s effects.

Obama said the goal was to pay legitimate claims “justly, fairly, promptly.”

With Obama hoping to convince a

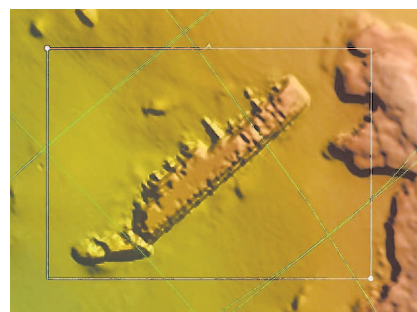
frightened Gulf Coast and a skeptical nation that he is in command, he is marshaling the tools at a president’s disposal: a two-day visit via Air Force One, helicopter and boat in the stricken region; a prime-time speech Tuesday night from the symbolically important stage of the Oval Office; and a face-to-face White House confrontation Wednesday with the executives of the oil company that leased the rig that exploded April 20 and led to the leak of millions of gallons of coast-devastating crude.

“I can’t promise folks here in Theodore or across the Gulf Coast that the oil will be cleaned up overnight. It will not be,” he said. But, Obama said, “I am confident that we’re going to leave the Gulf Coast in better shape than it was before.”



**Free after 12 years**

**7** Police Col. Enrique Murillo (center) gets help walking Monday at a military base in Bogota, Colombia. Murillo and three others were rescued Sunday after being held by rebels in the jungle for nearly 12 years. **AP PHOTO**



**AP PHOTO**

## WWII shipwreck found

**1** Underwater archaeologists said Monday they believed they had found the wreck of an Italian refrigerator ship (above) torpedoed and sunk by the British during World War II off Albania’s southern coast exactly 67 years ago, on June 14, 1943.

## NBA star to stand trial

**2** A Las Vegas judge on Monday ordered former NBA all-star Antoine Walker, a Chicago native, to face trial on felony bad check charges that allege he failed to repay almost \$1 million in gambling debts and penalties to three casinos.

## Gang kills 10 Mexican officers

**3** Ten federal police officers were killed Monday after being attacked by unidentified gunmen near a vocational high school in Zitacuaro, Mexico. Brutal drug-gang violence has swept Michoacan, a state known for its picturesque colonial capital, beaches and Monarch butterfly sanctuary.

## Uzbek refugees flee

**4** About 100,000 minority Uzbeks fleeing mobs of Kyrgyz massed at the border Monday, an Uzbek leader said, as the deadliest ethnic violence to hit this Central Asian nation in 20 years left a major city smoldering. The official count was 138 dead and nearly 1,800 injured since the violence began last week.

## Jimmy Dean dead at 81

**5** Jimmy Dean, a country music legend and an entrepreneur known for his sausage brand, died Sunday. He was 81. His wife, Donna Meade Dean, said her husband died at their home in Henrico County, Va.

## THE DIGIT

## \$1 trillion

U.S. geologists have discovered vast mineral wealth in Afghanistan, possibly amounting to \$1 trillion, President Hamid Karzai’s spokesman said Monday.



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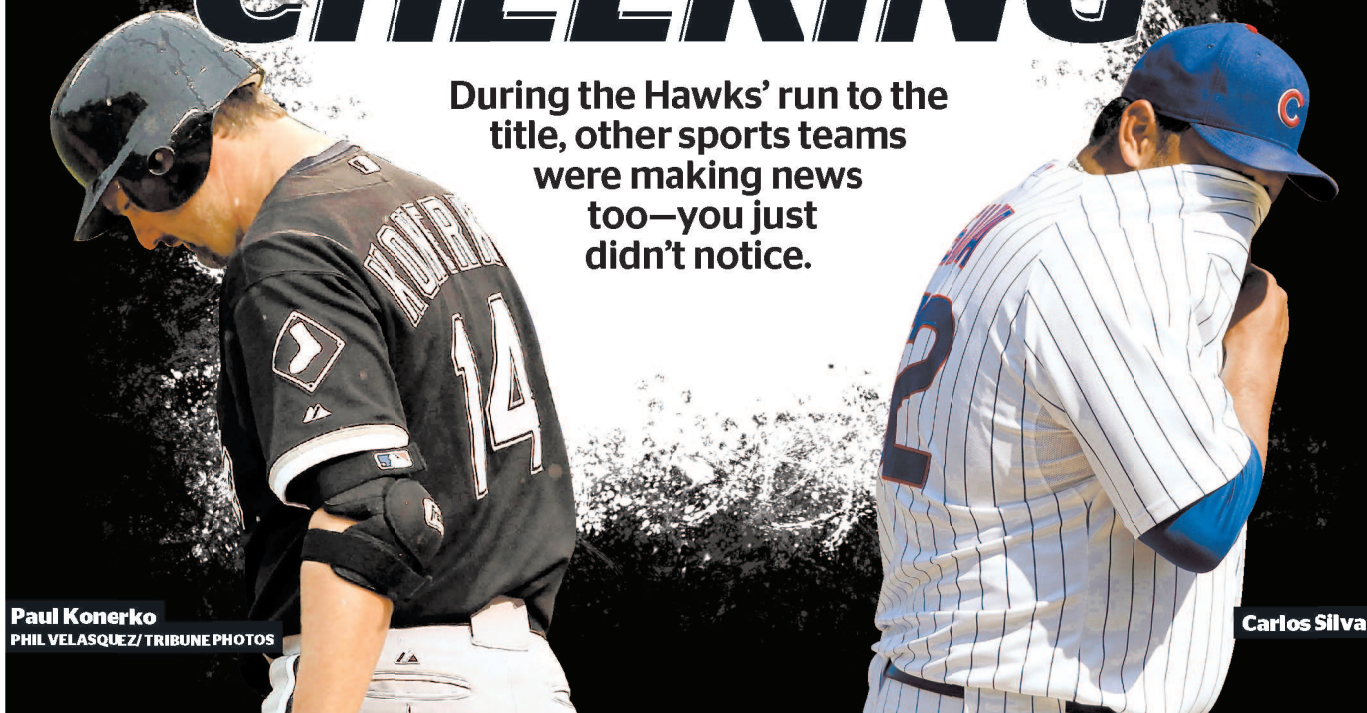
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## While you were **CHEERING**

During the Hawks' run to the title, other sports teams were making news too—you just didn't notice.



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### RedEye

We'll forgive you for not being quite up to speed about what's been going on in Chicago sports outside of the Blackhawks. The Hawks did, after all, do something that hasn't been done since 1961 in winning the Stanley Cup. But there are other teams in Chicago, and they have been making their own news over the past couple of months. Here's some news you might have missed while you were obsessing over the Hawks. **TRIBUNE CONTRIBUTED.**

#### MAY 5 Bulls fire Vinny

It was the worst-kept secret and the biggest non-news story of the Blackhawks' run: The Bulls made official head coach Vinny Del Negro's firing even though most expected the move at least since December.

#### JUNE 5-ISH Bulls hire Thibodeau

Although it has not been publicly confirmed because he still is with Boston as the Celtics try for another NBA title, the Bulls made Tom Thibodeau their next coach.

#### APRIL 16 Cubs start OK ... then tank

When the Blackhawks' play-off run began April 16, the Cubs were 5-5. They now are 28-35 and might be on the verge of trading away key pieces of the team as it becomes clear the Cubs are not contenders.

#### APRIL 16 Sox start poorly ... get worse

It took only a week for the White Sox to hit a low as they lost four straight games to Cleveland and Minnesota during the first week. On April 16, the Sox were 4-7; they now are 28-34.

#### MAY 20 Brian Urlacher vs. Dick Butkus

Former Bear Duck Butkus waded into a war of words between another former Bear—Gale Sayers—and current Bear Brian Urlacher. Sayers had questioned whether Urlacher could return to form after last season's wrist injury, and Urlacher blasted back. Butkus butted in with: "Gale is absolutely right when you talk about a linebacker who has played nine years and he is coming back off an injury. There should be some concern whether he can reach his ability again."

## Next goal? Domination

Breathe, Hawks fans—you aren't imagining things.

They really did overcome a 2-1 series deficit to the seventh-seeded Nashville Predators. Patrick Kane really did pounce on a rebound with 13.6 seconds left in Game 5 to punch home the tying short-hander. And Marian Hossa ending it in overtime, right after the Hawks killed a five-minute penalty, was no less real.

The Hawks really did toy with and then dismiss Vancouver for the second straight year. Seeing them hush all of British Columbia with three wins on the Canucks' home ice was no illusion.

That really was Antti Niemi, a part-timer in the regular season, standing on his head—figuratively—against San Jose. It wasn't your imagination that he stopped 44 shots in Game 1 and again in Game 3.

It was no trick of the eye that Niemi used his head—literally—to deny Philadelphia the go-ahead goal late in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals.

And despite those few seconds you spent suspended in disbelief, Kane really did find that sliver of daylight to sneak the puck through in overtime of that deciding game.

Fear not, Hawks fans. Chris Pronger's big yap and petty puck pilfering can't annoy you anymore.

If you're still delirious after wandering the streets of Chicago on the Stanley Cup victory tour, not sure what to make of the Hawks' dizzying success, try this. Take a moment to expel all that nervous energy, all the doubt that plunged you into shock when it looked like the Cup would slip away again. Now remember this year: 2015.

That's the earliest Kane and Jonathan Toews can become free agents. Now consider this: Hossa and Duncan Keith are locked up through 2021 and 2023, respectively.

If the rest of the NHL isn't worried already, it soon will be. So let would-be usurpers toss and turn knowing the defending champs' core is more loaded than Oprah.

Instead, let all comers shiver during the offseason knowing Hawks Nation is fantasizing about the D-word: Dynasty.





## five on five

### Step in

We are looking for readers to join us on this panel. Answer the questions at [redychicago.com/5on5](http://redychicago.com/5on5) and get on the list.



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**1** How could the Cubs generate some excitement for their interleague matchup with Oakland?

Oh, no. We're back to predominantly baseball questions. BLACKHAWKS!

Re-create the 1989 World Series earthquake, "View To A Kill"-style.

Start Ted Lilly every game and hope the A's are hanging with the Hawks drinking from the Stanley Cup.

Shark tanks make everything more exciting. Sharks and alligators.

Tout it as a rematch for all the fans still bitter about the 1929 World Series.

**2** The Pittsburgh Pirates are to the White Sox as ...

... one cavity is to another cavity.

... the 2010 Pittsburgh Pirates are to the 2010 Chicago Cubs, hopefully.

... the Cubs are to the Sox. Their interleague punching bag. Ouch!

... toaster is to shoe polish. Seriously—I don't even understand the question.

... the Cleveland Indians are to the Cubs. Teams the other Chicago team can't beat.

**3** What Blackhawks player do you absolutely not want to see go?

Dustin Byfuglien. I'll take an inconsistent regular season and dominating playoffs every year.

Kim Johnsson. Oh, wait.

None of them! This isn't the '90s Bulls. Don't start dismantling a dynasty before they get started.

Evgeni Nabokov (rimshot!).

Jeremy Roenick. Chris Chelios. Yeah, I'll need another Cup before that bitterness goes away.

**4** How are you counting down the days until NBA free agency begins?

I'm using Antonio Alfonseca's fingers and toes.

By counting the days until Bears training camp, then subtracting 29.

By following the traveling Stanley Cup. Next stop? A yellow cab featuring Patrick Kane.

Until the who does what to the who now?

Not as ominously as the people of Cleveland are.

**5** What would it take for you to get up to watch a 6 a.m. World Cup match?

I'm up at 6 a.m. every day for my kids. And one day, I'll teach them the word "soccer." Or not.

Straight cash, homie. At least a hundred bucks.

Halle Berry promises to perform her "Monster's Ball" routine for me.

An alarm clock, a childhood spent playing center-midfield and an undying love for the beautiful game.

Well, Monday morning it took a Netherlands-Denmark match.

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## Dent: Bears' title bigger than Hawks'

Former Bears defensive end Richard Dent gives his props to the Blackhawks, but in his world, their Stanley Cup title does not rank ahead of the Super Bowl XX championship, with regard to local fan appreciation.

"I think [the Blackhawks title] is coming at a very good time for Chicago," said Dent, who was Super Bowl XX MVP. "When Mike [Jordan] was here, it was a basketball town. People probably appreciated him more than the game itself.

"In Chicago, [the Blackhawks crown] ranks more than the [2005] White Sox. Not knocking the Sox down in no way. This is probably a true Chicago experience to both sides of the town for the game itself, not a North Side vs. South Side, which I think kind of diminished the enjoyment of the Sox. Probably the majority of people in town are Cubs [fans].

"I don't think it ranks up there with our championship. People had a swagger when they talked about our championship because they know we would go out and kick ass and take names and come home with a victory. There was no doubt, there was no worry. It was all about taking care of business. If [the Blackhawks] play like that over the next three or four years ... then you can start talking about other stuff."

» The Cubs have not spoken to teams about trading anyone, sources said Monday, though things could change drastically during the next two or three weeks if they don't come out of their slump. Despite Sunday's intense 1-0 win over the Sox, the Cubs are still 7 1/2 games behind division-leading Cincinnati.

» A 12-school Big Ten is just right, according to Stanley Ikenberry, the University of Illinois' interim president. "I think 12 is a good number," Ikenberry told the Tribune on Monday. Nebraska joined the league Friday, giving the Big Ten an even dozen.

» Wolves name Mike Gordon the team's new president.

» Vince Young apologizes for incident at Dallas strip club.



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Italian midfielder Daniele De Rossi (second from right) scores against Paraguay during a match in group play Monday. GETTY IMAGES

**ITALY 1, PARAGUAY 1**

# Tie gives champs fits

Italy opened the defense of its World Cup title with a laborious 1-1 draw against Paraguay on Monday.

Paraguay took advantage of its first shot on goal to take the lead in the 39th minute. Antolin Alcaraz outjumped 36-year-old Italy captain Fabio Cannavaro and Daniele De Rossi for a header following a free kick from Aureliano Torres, and goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon had no chance for a save.

De Rossi made up for the opening goal by equalizing in the 63rd, sliding in to redirect a corner kick from Simone Pepe. It was a solid start for the AS Roma midfielder, who was suspended for four games during Italy's victorious 2006 run after bloodying the face of U.S. forward Brian McBride with a sharp elbow.

"We deserved to win," De Rossi said. "We controlled the ball virtually the entire time, but it's

### MONDAY'S RESULTS

- » Netherlands 2, Denmark 0
- » Japan 1, Cameroon 0

### TUESDAY'S GAMES

- » New Zealand vs. Slovakia, 6 a.m. ESPN
- » Ivory Coast vs. Portugal, 8:30 a.m. ESPN
- » Brazil vs. N. Korea, 1 p.m. ESPN

not easy against these teams that dream simply of drawing with the world champions. And if you fall behind, it becomes even tougher."

Italy coach Marcello Lippi said the biggest regret "was the result."

"They only approached the goal once and they scored," Lippi said. "We reacted well but you've got to win games like these."

### Horny fans get OK from FIFA

Football's world ruling body sprang to the defense of the much-maligned vuvuzela yet again Monday with FIFA president Joseph Blatter ruling out a ban on the favorite accessory of South African football fans at the World Cup.

Writing on his new Twitter feed, SeppBlatter, he

said: "To answer all your messages [regarding] the vuvuzelas. I have always said that Africa has a different rhythm, a different sound.

"I don't see banning the music traditions of fans in their own country. Would you want to see a ban on the fan traditions in your country?"

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### Cubs vs. Oakland

7:05 p.m. CSN

**1** **Cubs 4, A's 1.**  
Big Z returns to form. And by that I don't mean "melts down if the wind blows the wrong way."

### White Sox at Pittsburgh

6:05 p.m. CSN+

**2** **Sox 6, Pirates 2.** At least one Chicago team can beat the Pirates.

### L.A. Lakers vs. Boston

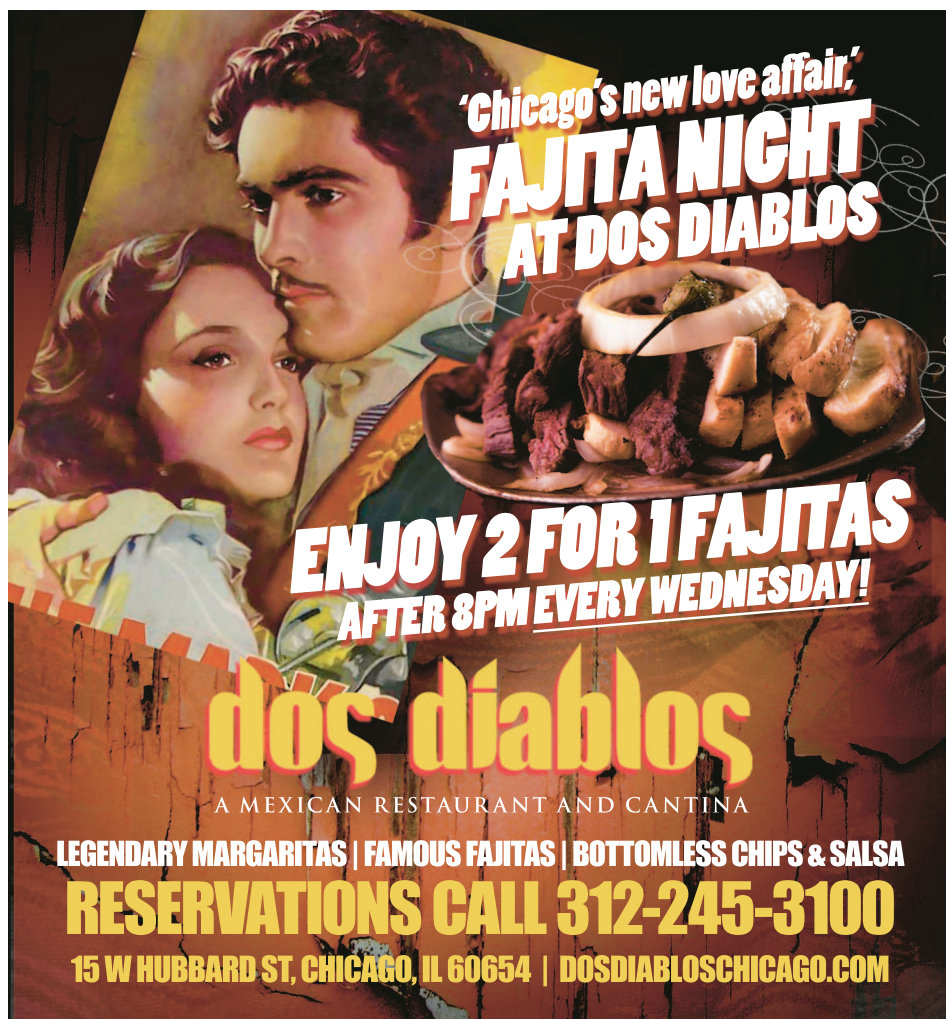
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**3** **Lakers 91, Celtics 87.** Oh, yes, you know this is going to Game 7.

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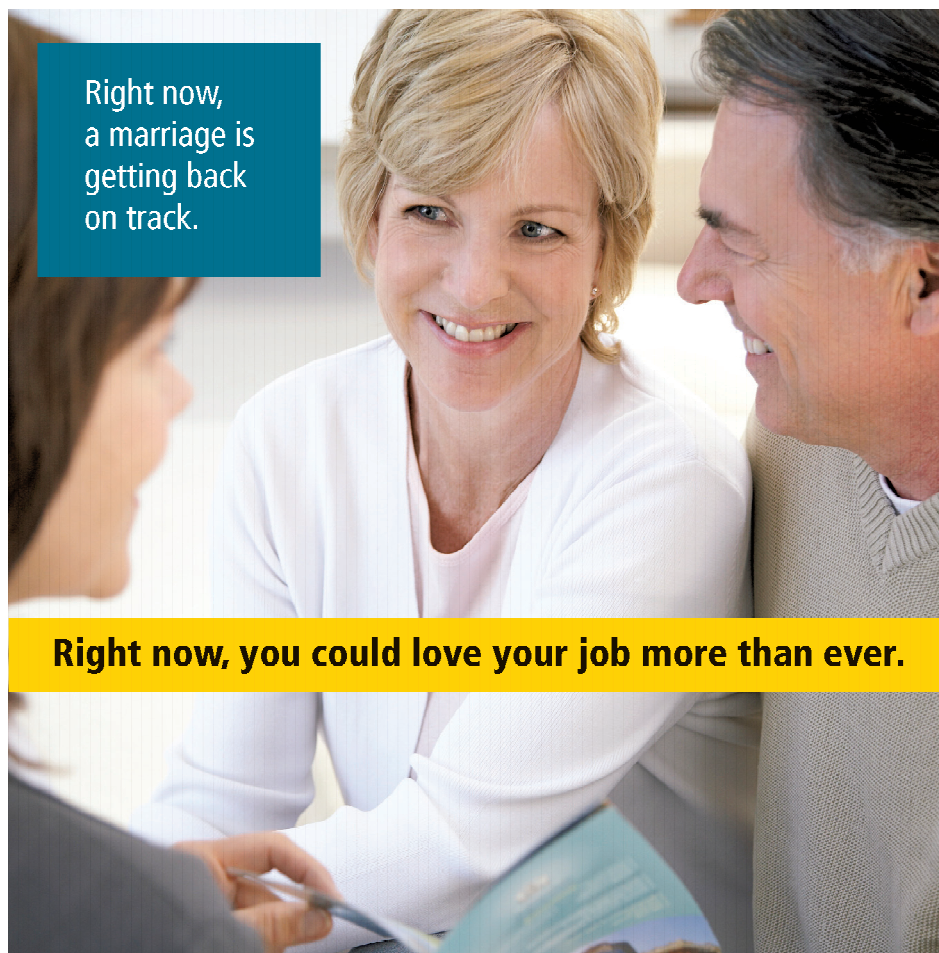
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## WALK UP, PIG OUT

### 8 food windows to help you get your snack on without stepping inside a restaurant

#### By Metromix staff

Sunny days are a thing to be savored in Chicago, so when they come along, we like to spend every possible moment outside. Among our favorite ways to maximize outdoor time: walk-up windows, which have the added benefits of convenience, speed and absolutely zero dress code. Ready to do some window-shopping? Here are some of our favorites, with a note about their food's portability.

#### Joy Yee's Noodles

2139-41 S. China Place.  
312-328-0001

**Must-order:** Bubble tea (\$3.25-\$3.50). The oft-lauded sweet beverage at the Chinatown location of this local chain comes in pretty much any flavor you can think of.

**Portability:** Excellent. The hearty plastic cup has a spill-proof cover and a thick plastic straw that's perfect for tapioca-slurping.

#### Scooter's Frozen Custard

1658 W. Belmont Ave.  
773-244-6415

**Must-order:** Elvis concrete shake (\$5.85 after tax, vanilla custard, Reese's peanut butter cup and bananas) or Boston shake (\$6.51, a thick shake with your choice of frozen custard on top).

**Portability:** Commendable. A sturdy cup makes for little spillage, while the raised lid with a hole on top lets us make good use of the straw and spoon.

#### Miko's Italian Ice

1846 N. Damen Ave., 2234 N. Sacramento Ave. 773-645-9664

**Must order:** Italian ice (\$2-\$5.50), of course. Co-owner Rick Roombos says the most popular flavor at both the Bucktown and Logan Square locations, neither of which has inside service, is lemon.

**Portability:** High. A cup of Italian ice doesn't drip and, Roombos emphasizes, is substantial enough to eat with a spoon.

#### State Street Pizza Company

400 N. State St. 312-624-8270

**Must-order:** Breakfast slice (\$4). A steamy slice of sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, cheese and tomato beats cold morning-after pizza from the fridge any day.

**Portability:** Very good. A crisp whole-wheat crust makes this commuter-friendly a.m. snack easier to eat on the run than your typical floppy New York slice; plus, it comes in a slice-shaped box.

#### Big Star

1531 N. Damen Ave.  
773-235-4039

**Must-order:** Taco de panza (\$3). Crisp pork belly bites snuggled in a soft, warm tortilla are the perfect five-bite snack.

**Portability:** Average. Errant bits of belly tend to tumble out of even the most tightly rolled tacos, but this is still your best bet, as tostadas spell disaster on the go.

#### Baladoche

2905 N. Clark St.  
773-880-5090

**Must order:** Belgian zucker waffles (\$4.55). These crispy, caramelized, hand-held beauties can be dressed up with Nutella, raspberry jam or a half-dozen other toppings (91 cents-\$1.81).

**Portability:** Decent. Toppings such as powdered sugar or melted chocolate can up the sloppy factor, though a triangular holder contains the mess.

#### Freddie's Pizza and Pasta Parlor

701 W. 31st St. 312-808-0149

**Must-order:** House-made Italian ice (\$2.21-\$3.87, five flavors available) and Italian beef sandwich (\$6.69 regular/\$8.78 large), a juicy Bridgeport classic that's topped with peppers.

**Portability:** Fair. Eat your ice quickly lest it melt all over, and while you wait in line (in summer, there's often a line), be sure to grab plenty of napkins for that Italian beef.

#### Jim's Original

1250 S. Union Ave.  
312-733-7820

**Must-order:** Polish sausage sandwich (\$3.25), topped with loads of grilled onions, plus sport peppers and mustard on a hot dog bun.

**Portability:** Low. Depending on your love of onions, this is a messy sport, indeed.

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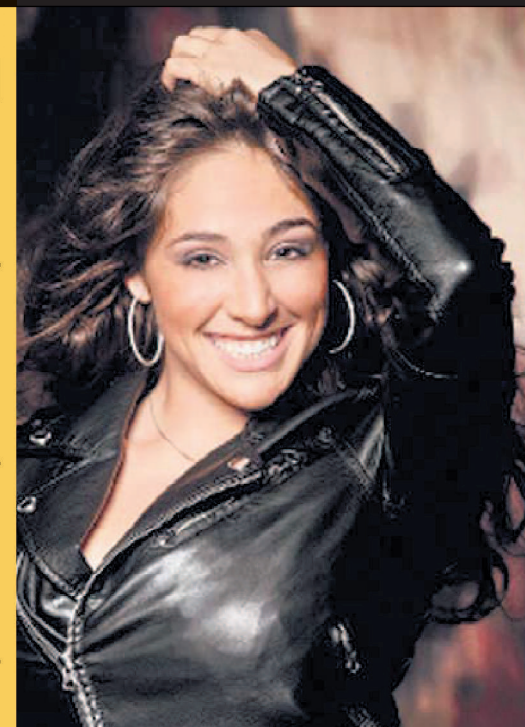
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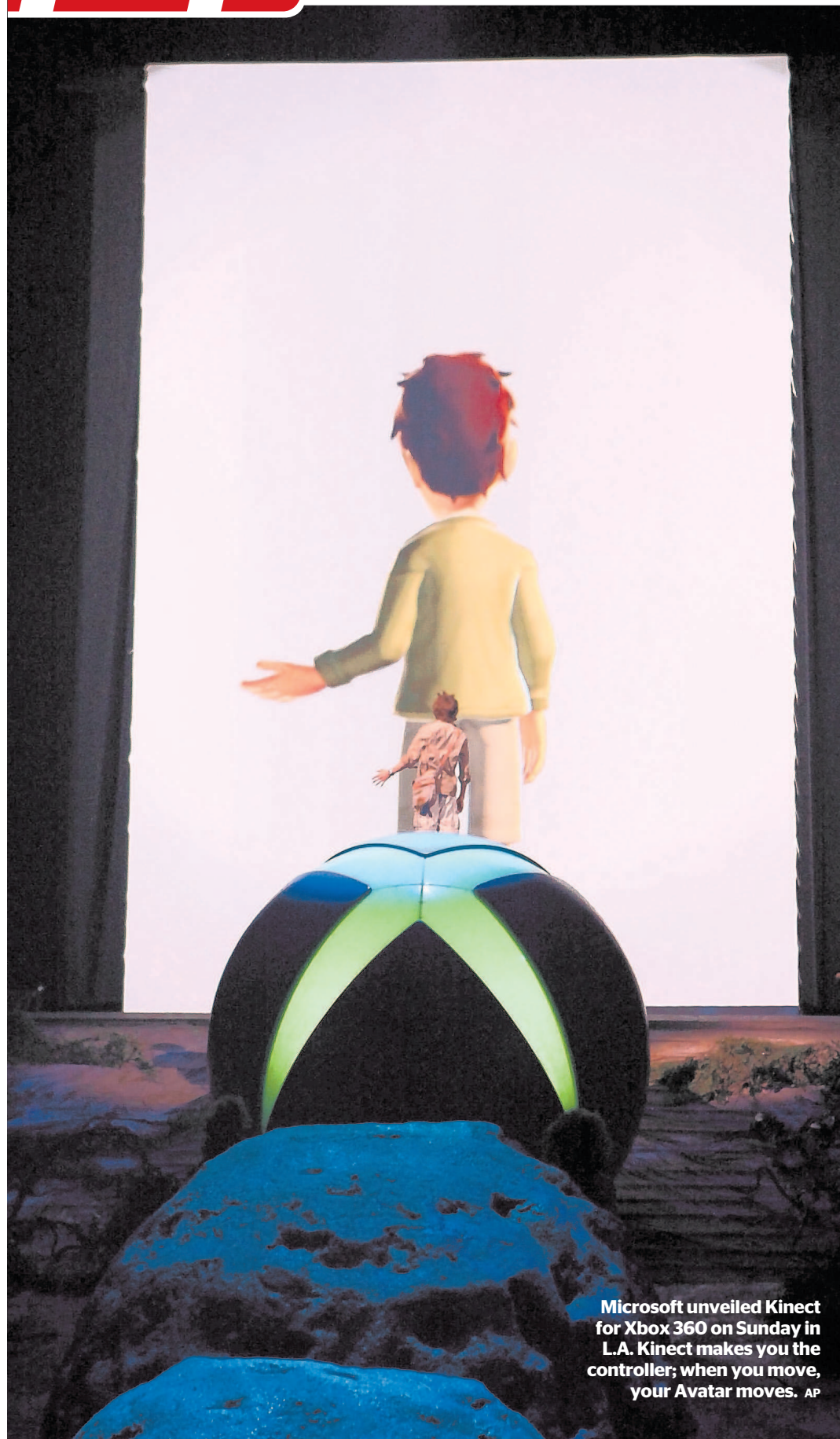
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Microsoft unveiled Kinect for Xbox 360 on Sunday in L.A. Kinect makes you the controller; when you move, your Avatar moves. AP

# Kinect'ing with gamers

By Ryan Smith

FOR REDEYE

American thumbs are about to get a much-needed break.

For each new generation of video game hardware, controllers and joysticks usually are assigned additional buttons, functions and gizmos. Microsoft has committed gaming heresy with its newly christened Kinect for the Xbox 360, ditching the controller altogether.

Unlike the Nintendo's Wii or Sony's upcoming PlayStation Move motion controller, the Kinect combines a high-tech camera system, an infrared depth sensor and a multi-array microphone into a device that reads players' movements and mirrors them with startling accuracy as an onscreen avatar.

It lets you choose games or services such as Netflix by pointing with your finger toward a menu option. You also can video chat with friends over Xbox Live.

"If you take away the controller, you take away a huge barrier of entry for a lot of people," said Heather Snively, director of communications for Xbox 360. "This is a system about connecting and sharing."

Knocking down that barrier will draw even more of the growing family and casual gamer market, a demographic that has been dominated by Nintendo but eludes Microsoft and Sony's systems—often perceived as the domain of the younger, male and more hard-core game players. The Xbox 360 also lags a distant second behind Wii in the console wars, with Nintendo selling approximately 28 million units compared with Microsoft's 20 million, according to industry research group NPD.

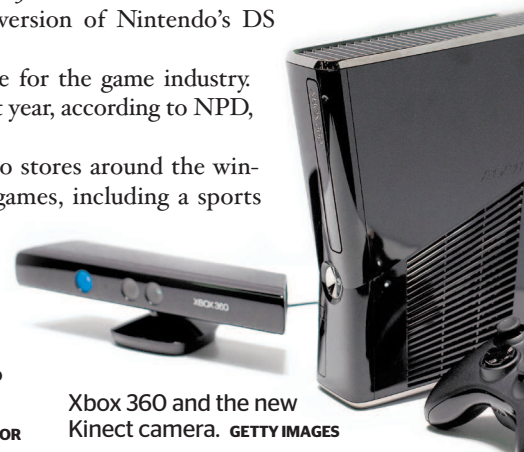
Microsoft believes Kinect, formerly known as Project Natal, is the ace up its sleeve and the company is acting like it at this week's E3 video game convention in L.A. Microsoft hired French Canadian entertainment company Cirque du Soleil for a flashy, extravagant premiere of the device Sunday night. MTV and Spike TV aired the event.

So far, the Kinect's buzz at E3 has overshadowed the Move, Sony's new wand-like controller for the Playstation 3 that is reminiscent of Wii's motion controls, and the 3DS—a 3-D version of Nintendo's DS handheld system.

Kinect comes at a crucial time for the game industry. Revenues shrank by 8 percent last year, according to NPD, to \$19.66 billion.

Kinect is expected to land into stores around the winter holiday season with several games, including a sports title that sounds remarkably similar to "Wii Sports" and includes boxing, bowling, beach volleyball, track and field, soccer and table tennis minigames. Microsoft has yet to release price details.

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Xbox 360 and the new Kinect camera. GETTY IMAGES





Ryan Smith (left) and Elliott Serrano test Xbox 360's Kinect, a motion control device.

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## Put your hands in the air

It's not easy to look dignified while playing Kinect.

RedEye's Geek to Me blogger, Elliott Serrano, and I jumped, flailed and contorted ourselves into sweaty messes within 30 minutes of our special sneak peek tryout of Microsoft's just unveiled Xbox 360 accessory.

If you're OK with looking silly, there's plenty of fun to be had. We tried three minigames called "Adventures" and designed to show off the Kinect's capabilities.

In "Rally Ball," the player uses their arms, legs, head—just about every body part imaginable—to direct a host of red bouncy balls to knock out a wall of bricks. It's like an aerobic version of the old-school Atari game "Break-out." This is the game I felt most ridiculous playing because when multiple balls came at me, I just threw my limbs all over the place like the worst dancer at the high school prom.

"Reflex Ridge" is pretty much what it sounds like—a virtual obstacle course in which you must jump, lean or duck to avoid hitting barriers as your mining cart follows along a path.

The "River Rush" game consists of a whitewater river raft ride that's controlled by the way you lean your body. You also can jump to collect airborne gold coins. Playing this game with two people required a high



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level of vocal coordination because we both had to move the same direction to coax the raft into following our lead. There were also a couple of times I thought Elliott and I might collide when we tried to steer our raft in opposite directions. I can't imagine explaining that one to a doctor.

I'm already expecting countless YouTube videos in which players accidentally punch their friends, fall into their coffee tables or step on their pets while playing with the Kinect.

The potential dangers aside, the camera is amazingly accurate.

While I was busy floating on my virtual raft, Elliott stepped in to the Kinect's vision and it instantly recognized him as another person, throwing him into my game.

I'm not quite convinced, however, that Kinect will change the gaming world.

The games at this point don't feel much more than glorified Wii-fare, and a motion-controlled "Call of Duty" or "Halo" is not in the works. But Kinect is impressive enough that Bill Gates and Microsoft may someday rule a video game empire as big as his PC-based one.

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**Regular flavor:** They smell like French fries and taste a little like rice cakes, though they're tons better than baked potato chips. I'd eat them again.

**Barbecue:** They remind me of spicy pork rinds, but they don't make your jaw sore trying to chew them.

**Sea salt and vinegar:** The salt part of this chip is a bit lacking, but the vinegar makes up for it and masks the not-really-a-regular-potato-chip taste.

**Salt and pepper:** I was disappointed in this flavor, which was a bit too aggressive with the pepper.

**Cheese:** Tastes like someone took a kernel from a rice cake, flattened it out really big and put fake cheese flavoring on it. Not unpleasant.

**Sour cream & onion:** Has flavor, but the texture resembles a rice cake. It is light and airy but not quite a potato chip, so they shouldn't advertise as such.

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**'Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List'**  
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Remember when Kathy guest-starred on "Law & Order: SVU" as a lesbian named Babs last season? I kinda wish the "L&O" folks would have let her go with her vision of the "lesbian Al Sharpton," which she shows us in the season premiere of her reality show. The comic runs lines with Liza Minnelli and tries her best to make out with Christopher Meloni and Mariska Hargitay.

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**Why were Jay-Z and Beyonce at the Tony Awards on Sunday night? That doesn't really seem to be their bag.**

The dynamic duo produced "Fela!" which won a few Tonys. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith also are producers of the musical celebrating African musician Fela Kuti.



**Was Katy Perry slamming Lady Gaga when she tweeted that "using blasphemy as entertainment is as cheap as a comedian telling a fart joke"?**

Still unclear. Perry told a French radio station Sunday that she's a huge Gaga supporter, [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com) reports. "Lately, I've just been seeing some things that are kind of... not something I would do, I guess," Perry said. OK, then.

**Are Jamie-Lynn Sigler and that cute New York Jets player dating?**

Yes. "The Sopranos" star and Mark Sanchez stepped out at the Tonys, where he introduced a song from "Memphis." Yes, he is a fan of musical theater. Score! They also were photographed holding hands while out in New York that afternoon.



## Burning questions

By Emily Rosenbaum Maka

There are a lot of celebrity mysteries floating around lately. Let's try to clear up some of the most pressing ones while the week is still young. GETTYIMAGES



**Is that hot Old Spice guy going to disappear on us?**

No. Isaiah Mustafa, aka the "I'm on a horse" guy, has just signed a talent deal with NBC. Good news.

**Why was Justin Bieber holding hands with Kim Kardashian on the beach Sunday?**

The two were frolicking in the Bahamas for a Harper's Bazaar photo shoot, [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com) reports. Bieber Nation is going to freak out anyway, I predict.



**Sean Hayes planted a serious kiss on Kristin Chenoweth at the Tonys, so can we put that whole gay-people-can't-convincingly-play-straight-roles issue to rest?**

I think we can. That kiss was pretty hot. Let's move on.



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- 50 Water barriers
- 51 Wedding words
- 54 Invigorate
- 57 Mark left after healing
- 58 Tehran's nation
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### Drake crushing on Minaj

Young Money stars Nicki Minaj and Drake are two of the hottest MCs in hip-hop, which had MTV wondering if they are an item. Drake insisted he is hot for her. "I've always really, actually, really had a crush on her, always really loved her, and she's always just looked at me as, like, her little brother." But Minaj scoffed at that. "Drake does not have a crush on me."

### Gym, tunes, laundry

In news about things that make the noise "WHOMP WHOMP WHOMP," Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino from "Jersey Shore" will release a rap single this week on iTunes, TMZ reports. A leaked sample of the track, titled "The Situation," reveals some of the worst auto-tuned crap to hit eardrums in years.

### On the road again

The Hawks took their Stanley Cup party to "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" on Monday. Team captain Jonathan Toews and winning goal-scorer Patrick Kane were part of the action.

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Radcliffe

### Putting away his wand

Daniel Radcliffe has dressed as Harry Potter for the last time. Shooting wrapped last week on the final installment in the series. "Everyone was really devastated. It was really, really sad," Radcliffe told The Associated Press on Sunday before the Tony Awards. We "were crying quite a lot." "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" will be released in two parts.



Pitt

### Hair today, gone tomorrow

Brad Pitt has taken the first step toward losing that awful facial hair. He trimmed his beard over the weekend and will have to

lose all the scruff soon, [people.com](http://people.com) says. Pitt starts production on "Moneyball" in the next few weeks, playing clean-shaven Oakland A's General Manager Billy Beane. The movie, which is an adaptation of the best-selling book by Michael Lewis, also stars Jonah Hill, Philip Seymour Hoffman and Robin Wright.



### No musical shame

Kristen Stewart says playing Bella Swan in the latest "Twilight" flick was far less tortured than past outings. So much so that she ditched her plan to make a moody "Eclipse" playlist, a practice that helped her in the past, and just stuck with her typical music, she told MTV. Miley Cyrus and Lady Gaga are on repeat, she said.

"'The Climb' is my theme song—and I'm sticking to it."